THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Provision of Drinking Water being a State subject, State Governments arc responsible for planning, formulation and execution of all rural water supply schemes. The Government of India, supplements efforts of State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Centrally Spon-Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Measures for providing water supply to its rural areas including villages of Naini-danda block of Pauri Garhwal are • taken by the Utter Pradesh Government. Total expenditure on rural water supply schemes under ARWSP and State Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), figures regarding coverage of problem villages and population covered are monitored at the Central level On the basis of reports received from States. Detailed monitoring of implementation of individual schemes is not done at Government of India level.

(b) As per report received from the State Government (dated 19-8-87) it ha_s been stated that implementation of the scheme is normal and there have been no obstructions in the execution of this scheme. 90 per cent of the works had been completed by August, 1987 and the scheme is likely to be completed by March, 1988.

(c) No such report has been received by the Central Government. As per State Government's report referred t_0 above, there has been no dereliction of duty on the part of anyone connected with execution of work. (d) a"d (e) Do not arise.

सरकारी विज्ञापनों पर व्यय

@3892–क. **श्री रसीद मसूद :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि सरकारी विज्ञापनों पर खर्च में वृद्धि हो रही है जैसा कि ओपरेशन रिसर्च ग्रुप की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट-1987 में बताया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है, और वर्ष 1986–87 के दौरान सरकार द्वारा विज्ञापनों पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार भविष्य में जस इस पर खर्च कम करने के लिए उपाय करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) इस संबंध में एक समाचार देखा गया है । विज्ञापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय द्वारा वर्ष 1986–87 के दौरान विज्ञापनों पर खर्च किया गया व्यय 6,72,56,013 रुपए था । पिछले वर्ष अर्थात् 1985–86 में खर्च किए गए व्यय की अपेक्षा यह 2,28,14,954 रुपए अधिक है ।

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 3321, 8 दिसम्बर, 1987 से स्थानान्तरित ।

(ग) समाचारपत्रों/पत्रिकाओं को सरकारी विज्ञापन विभिन्न प्रचार आवश्यकताओं तथा धनराशि की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए जारी किए जाते हैं ।

Unhygienic condition in vicinity of Regal Building

@3892-B. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to continuous over-flow of water including waste ice-water from the premises of commercial establishments functioning behind Regal Building, New Delhi this area lias become unhygienic and inaccessible for public use; and

(fo) if so, what supervision i_s made by the concerned health authorities and penalty imposed against above defaulting establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Technology Mission for Barley Production

@@3892-C. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased t_0 state:

©Previously Unstarred Question 3554 transferred from the 8th December, 1987.

@ ©Previously Unstarred Question 3631 transferred from the 10th December. 1&87.

(a) whether there is an acute shor tage *of* barley in the country, which is likely to affect barley-malt-based industry, as reported in the 'Times of India' of 12th November, 1987; if so, what corrective steps are proposed to be taken, apart from import;

(b) whether a Technology Mission has been set-up or is proposed to be set-up for barley, in view of the reported failure of our agriculture scientists;

(c) whether a new thrust can be given to barley production through genetic $engineering_i$ on the basis of vaccine action programme, till the time when the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Agriculture universities wake up to their tasks; and

(d) whether barley seeds, a like wheat seeds, are proposed to be im ported from Mexico?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. There is no acute shortage of barley in the country. The production of barley from 1981-32 to 1985-86 had been around 18-19 lakh tonnes, excepting the year 1984-85 when it was 15. 56 lakh tonnes. As a part of rabi strategy for 1987-82, a thrust has been given to increase the yield of all the rabi $crop_s$ including barley by better management of inputs.

(b) No, Sir, There is no proposal at present, to set-up a Technology Mission on Barley. Agricultural Scientists have developed a number of